

Says Local Synergy Created as New Parts Made in Rochester and Used in Tonawanda

WASHINGTON – Congresswoman Louise Slaughter (NY-28), today released the following statement as General Motors announced a \$100 million investment in its Lexington Avenue plant in Rochester. Today's announcement brings 30 new jobs to Rochester and unveils the production of energy efficient Spark Ignition Direct Injection technology.

Just over a year ago, General Motors invested \$425 million to produce the new Ecotec engine at the River Road plant in Tonawanda. Parts produced in Rochester will be used at the nearby Tonawanda facility.

"America's investment in GM was the right decision because now GM is investing in our communities and I'm delighted to see new jobs coming to Western New York because of it," said Slaughter. "Today's announcement is a testament to our local workforce creating 30 jobs and positioning the Rochester plant for future growth. I applaud GM for leveraging local synergy which takes advantage of our dedicated and talented Western New York workforce."

In December 2008, Congress debated the auto bailout which was signed by President Obama later that month. As Slaughter debated the rule on the Auto Industry Financing and Restructuring Act she said, "Of all the industries that contribute to our economy, the automobile industry is one of the largest and yet it has been hit particularly hard during our recent economic downturn. The U.S. automobile industry is one of the largest sectors of our economy. Auto companies directly or indirectly support over four million American jobs, and provide nearly one million retirees with pensions and health care benefits. In Western New York alone the auto industry supports over 12,000 workers, and 13,000 retirees."